Listing of the Claims:

- (Previously Presented) In combination, a building structure and a cafeteria tray 1 1. accumulator system; the building structure including first and second spaced walls; 2 the first and second spaced walls defining a space between the walls; the first and 3 second walls defining loading and unloading windows; the loading window adapted 4 to allow users to load cafeteria trays laden with dirty dishes into the accumulator 5 6 system; the unloading window adapted to allow users to unload the cafeteria trays from the accumulator system into a dish wash room; the loading and unloading 7 8 windows being offset from one another; the cafeteria tray accumulator system including: a drive track disposed in a looped path within the space between the walls; 9 the looped path having a pair of transverse legs offset in a vertical direction; both 10 transverse legs being disposed within the space between the walls: a plurality of 11 tray-holding cages connected to the drive track; each of the tray-holding cages 12 adapted to hold a plurality of cafeteria trays; and a drive unit adapted to move the 13 14 plurality of cages around the looped path of the drive track.
- (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the drive track is
 a monorail.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 2, further comprising a
 counterbalance rail.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 3, further comprising a support bar attached to the drive track for each tray-holding cage; the support engaging the counterbalance rail.
- (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 4, wherein each tray-holding
 cage is suspended from the support bar.

- 1 6. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 5, wherein each tray-holding
- 2 cage is adapted to hold at least three trays.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the transverse legs
- 2 of the looped path are offset in a horizontal direction.
- 1 8. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the looped path
- 2 turns around at least one right angle.
- 1 9. (Previously Canceled)
- 1 10. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 8, wherein the right angle is
- 2 vertical.
- 1 11. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the drive track is
- 2 disposed in a vertical plane.
 - 12. (Previously Canceled)
 - 13. (Previously Canceled)
 - 14. (Previously Canceled)
 - 15. (Previously Canceled)
- 1 16. (Previously Presented) In combination, a building structure and a cafeteria
- 2 tray accumulator system; the building structure including a dining area and a dish
- 3 washing area and first and second spaced walls; the first and second spaced walls
- 4 defining a space between the walls; the first and second walls defining loading and
- 5 unloading windows; the loading window disposed at the dining area and being
- 6 adapted to allow users to load cafeteria trays into accumulator system; the unloading
- 7 window disposed at the dish washing area and being adapted to allow users to unload
- 8 the cafeteria trays from the accumulator system; the loading and unloading windows

- another; the cafeteria tray accumulator system including: a monorail drive track
- disposed in a looped path disposed within the space between the walls; the looped
- 3 path having first and second traverse legs offset in a vertical direction; a plurality of
- 4 tray-holding cages conned to the monorail; a counterbalance rail; each cage disposed
- 5 intermediate the drive track and the counterbalance rail; each of the tray-holding
- 6 cages engaging the counterbalance rail; each of the tray-holding cages adapted to
- 7 hold a plurality of trays; and a drive unit adapted to move the plurality of cages
- 8 around the looped path of the drive.
- 1 17. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 16, wherein the looped path
- 2 is disposed in a vertical plane.
- 1 18. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 16, wherein the
- 2 counterbalance rail is a monorail.
- 1 19. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 18, wherein each of the
- 2 monorails has a hollow tube section with rollers disposed inside the tube section.
- 1 20. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 16, further comprising a
- 2 self-supporting frame that carries the drive track and the counterbalance rail.
 - 21. (Previously Canceled)
 - 22. (Previously Canceled)
 - 23. (Canceled)
 - 24. (Canceled)